

Today's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

PROFESSOR MERCK,

Ex-Professor at the Conservatoire d'Helmsing, Finland, and Cello Soloist at the ROYAL OPERA, BRUXELLES, will give a

GRAND CONCERT,

on SATURDAY, the 18th December, Assisted by Local Artists.

PROGRAMME.

1. Adagio and Allegro.....V. Herbert. For Violoncello and Piano.
2. a. God Night.....Blackburn. b. The Gay Gillet.....Harris. Mrs. Jewell.
3. Clarinet Solo....."La Traviata".....Verdi. Mr. W. G. Bentley.
4. a. Berceuse.....Godard. b. Scenaletta.....Pierd. Professor MERCK.

INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES.

1. Trio (Andante and Allegro).....Bach. For Violin, Violoncello and Piano.
2. a. Romance.....Blackburn. b. Vio (Spanish Dance).....D. Popper. Professor MERCK.
3. Song....."Serenade".....Braga. Mrs. Jewell.
4. (With "Cello Obligato by Prof. Merck")
5. a. Clarinet Solo, "Shadow Dance" (Duet).....Meyerbeer. Mr. W. G. Bentley.
6. a. Serenade Lento.....D. Popper. b. Chanson Napolitaine.....Casella. c. Tarantella.....D. Popper.

Admission,.....\$2 & \$1.
Plan at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co's Music Warehouse.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1866]

NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "PRINZ HEINRICH,"

THE above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given TO-DAY before Noon.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 23rd, and TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at 9.30 A.M. All claims must reach us before the 20th December, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1-1862]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"TRIESTE,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent into the Undersigned before Noon on the 23rd December, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 23rd December will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1-1863]

NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN,"

Captain H. Blocker, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at 5 P.M. For further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1811]

NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH,"

Captain O. Caspers, will leave for the above Ports from No. 1 Kowloon Dock on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, 2 P.M. The exact hour of departure will be fixed later on.

For further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1811]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1816]

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"WUHU,"

Captain Benson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1863]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PAKHOI,"

Captain Stott, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1864]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship

"MEMNON,"

Captain Mogridge, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1859]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PYRRHUS,"

Captain Batt, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1878]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"POSEIDON,"

Captain R. Meyer, will leave for the above place on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1854]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain Nelson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN and AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1860]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MYRMIDON,"

Captain Rosson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 31st instant.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1861]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

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DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, RESTAURANTS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1896]

TAKE NOTE

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DICTIONARY can compare with the New

Edition of

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY.

At the office of the Hongkong Telegraph, you can see, and procure for SIX DOLLARS, a Copy of the Webster of Webster, the latest and most

authoritative work that Labor owns.

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Manager of the Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1897. [1896]

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Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After-Dinner Wines of very superior Vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [1897]

BIRTH.

At the Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong, on the 16th instant, the wife of J. DUNN, of a son.

[1893]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Synagogue is still being dragged through the Courts. It is an extremely interesting dispute in one way, though a not very desirable way from the point of view of the persons interested, that is to say it gives outsiders an insight into certain phases of Jewish life and feeling. The litigants, we feel sure, regret this, and though there are others to whom the proceedings in the Court are every bit as thrilling as one of ZANGWILL'S stories of the Ghetto, a little bit goes a long way when it comes to shiploads of documentary evidence and oceans of tireless talk. It is quite a relief when Counsel begin biting each other's heads off, like they did in the historic cases of Tang A Lok and Wong Tsoi Hee. Besides, as long as we have to print so much of this, it crowds out a great deal of interesting news and articles. There is not much time left to get the case finished this year, only a fortnight, with holidays included, and (not to put too fine a point on it) only three more years this century. As Mr. Suss has set the fashion of addressing the Court in terms of endearment, we will follow suit and appeal to His Lordship—

"Darlins, I am growing old!"

Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON ought to have a statue erected to him by the Institute of Journalists; the Press lives on advertisements, and he is a genius at advertising. On reading his speech at the presentation of Jubilee medals last Saturday there could be no doubt whose medals they were, whose was the design, and who paid for them—

"Gentlemen, I asked you to come in order that I might present to you the medals which I have had struck off. It occurred to me that Hongkong would not like to be left in the lurch, and so on.

The medals themselves and the titles deeds accompanying them carry references to Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, G.C.M.G., but not the faintest indication that anybody else proposed, designed, apportioned or paid for them. As a matter of fact they are not Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON'S medals at all, but when he speaks of what "I have had struck off" and of what "occurred to me," he is on his favourite "unfortunately and unintentionally misleading" tack. It is a little habit of his, and if he does not shake it off early it will grow on him when he grows up. He is rather like the gentleman who went home from South Africa and showed to all his relatives and friends a lot of photographs, saying of each "that is mine," "that is mine too." What he meant was not that the farms or gold diggings or railways or other property belonged to him, but that the photographing thereof was his work.

These precious Jubilee medals are the Colony's medals, paid for by the Colony, we will not say against its will but without its consent being asked. The cost is de-

frayed out of the sum voted at the last Council meeting for "Jubilee Illuminations, etc.," and all mention of these medals in the bill was "unfortunately and unintentionally" omitted. The awarding of the medals ought to have been in some way allied with the paying for them. "Who pays the piper calls the tune." In places which are not Crown Colonies. As a matter of fact, the recipients themselves, or at any rate those of them whom we have heard express any opinion, are agreed that nothing could have been more stupid. We will not go into details. We have not a word to say against any individual who has received a Robinson Jubilee medal, except that there are a large number of equally or more deserving persons who did not receive any. If the medal, (apart from the 4d. extra it adds to the military contribution) has any value at all, the apportionment is utterly iniquitous, and the only plea on which it can be forgiven is that it does not matter fourpence. If it has any importance at all, it should be severely censured. It is wrong anyhow, but if it does not matter, the wrong can be overlooked, while if it does matter, it should not be overlooked.

We are strongly tempted to plunge into a critical analysis of the list of recipients, with a running fire of comment; and, to be brutally candid, the only reason why we do not is that we can find much better employment for our columns and our time, taxed to the utmost already by that tedious Synagogue case. To put the matter in a nutshell, public services are better not rewarded than clumsily rewarded. With an effort, we repress an inclination to revert to "the Inkpot Incident." We hope that of all the official bunglers there may be two or three who will accept our words of wisdom, and be careful in future about rewards. When a man renders any public service he either thinks of a reward or he does not. If he has his eye on some possible reward he deserves to get none, and if he has not it does no harm when he gets none. The public is not so dense as to overlook real merit. When occasion arises a reward may sometimes be given gracefully, appropriately and without room for criticism, but it is seldom so, and as a rule it is dangerous to attempt rewards of this sort. Nine times out of ten the chances are that they will go wrong and this time they have gone very wrong indeed. Again we see how much more advantageously the Colony could be managed if it could manage itself.

The Navy League has in it the makings of a very valuable organisation if properly developed. In fact, as the Navy is the hope and stay of Britain, the Navy League is practically a National League. What it wants is not money but workers, not wealth but universality. It would matter little, in Hongkong at any rate, if the subscriptions were only enough to pay expenses of stationery, advertising meetings, rent of hall and such trifles, but what is very urgently needed is that every British adult male should be induced or cajoled or terrorised or persuaded in any shape or form to keep constantly in mind the objects of the League and the value of every scrap of support that can be given to it. Hongkong is in the first rank of importance among the outposts of the British Empire. Residents in this little community are very apt to imagine that the Empire is so large and Hongkong so small that there is not much use in doing anything of the sort. It is a great mistake. People in England recognise Hongkong not as a tiny speck with a few hundred people living in it, but as one of the principal strategic positions in the world; and we would not be at all surprised if on some strategic questions England should defer to the opinions of Hongkong. That is what we should remember, and we should be constantly striving to guide and inform and educate public opinion at home from our own point of vantage.

We learn that Messrs. BOWLER and MYHRETT of the Praya Reclamation Department have resigned; and we hear—which is different from learning—that they did so by request, Mr. Oakes being thoroughly disgusted with the shocking and stinking exhibitions of (say) incapacity, now being exposed all along the line of the Reclamation. Let us be thankful that when an All-Wise Downing Street created BOWLER to chasten suffering humanity, it also created OAKS to save and give us new hope.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

ADMIRAL BULLER'S SUCCESSOR.

London, December 14th.

Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, C.B., succeeds Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, R.C.B., in command of the China Station.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY IN CHINA.

The Russian Press is profoundly dissatisfied with Germany's action in China, but the Government remains impassive.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.18 per £.

The Legislative Council meets at 3 p.m. on Monday next.

The appointments of Constables D. Coult, Gormley, Kerr, and A. Langley to the rank of Sergeant was confirmed to-day. The quartette have all proved themselves energetic and efficient officers and we hope to see them all get the crown above the chevrons in the fulness of time.

At Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Francis examining a witness—

Mr. Pollock—I ask my friend to wait so that we can get it down.

Mr. Francis—I certainly won't wait for my friend to get it down.

Why is there not a Court stenographer?

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir John Carrington.)

December 16th.

D. GUBBAY AND OTHERS v. E. R. BELLIOS.

